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To: The Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

RE: Parrott Creek's Bright Futures Capital Project for Oregon Kids

As the Clackamas County District Attorney, and Board member of Parrott Creek Child and Family Services, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed allocation of \$8 million to its capital campaign. The crucial work undertaken by Parrott Creek plays a vital role in our community, particularly in addressing the needs of juvenile offenders and fostering their rehabilitation.

Parrott Creek's 56 year commitment to providing comprehensive support and intervention services to at-risk youth has proven to be instrumental in steering them away from a path of delinquency and adult crime. Parrott Creek's multifaceted approach, which includes counseling and education, has demonstrated impressive success rates in rehabilitating juvenile offenders and reintegrating them into society as responsible, productive citizens.

The proposed funding would significantly contribute to Parrott Creek's ability to expand and enhance their facilities, ensuring they can accommodate the growing demand for their vital services. The original buildings were constructed over 50 years ago, and no longer met the needs of the youth Parrott Creek serves and became a significant barrier to the high quality of the work done by Parrott Creek staff.

Juvenile offenders often face a myriad of challenges, from socio-economic disparities to familial instability. Parrott Creek's holistic approach addresses these underlying issues, providing a supportive environment that allows these young men to break free from the cycle of criminal behavior. By doing so, they not only transform lives, but contribute to the overall safety and well-being of the youths' communities.

I urge you to consider the profound impact that a robust Parrott Creek can have on the lives of these young people in Oregon. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D. Wentworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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